

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR?

Journaling lines for the question: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR?



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Watch this week's episode of The So & So Show by going to: <https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome>

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Matthew 2:1-12

As you read Matthew 2:1-12, stand up and walk around the room as though you are one of the wise men. (Bonus points if you use a compass or a compass app to figure out which direction is east!) When Herod calls the wise men to him, walk to one side of the room, and when the wise men go to see Jesus, walk to the other side. You can use stuffed animals, doll houses, and anything else in your room as a prop, or just keep it simple with walking around the room.

The wise men searched for Jesus for a while. Some time after He was born, the wise men arrived and celebrated Jesus! And you can do the same! You can **celebrate Jesus all year long.**



Day 3

Now that Christmas Day has passed, the new year is right around the corner.

Many people use this time of year to think about what they want to achieve in the coming year, making goals or resolutions. What if this year you made a plan to celebrate Jesus all year long? Take a few minutes to talk to God and ask for help knowing what that will look like in your life.

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**Dear God,** thank You for Christmas, when we get to celebrate the greatest gift You've ever given. I don't want to stop celebrating Jesus now that Christmas is over. Please show me how to keep celebrating Him. I want everyone to know that You love them so much that You sent Jesus. I want everyone to feel the joy that I feel knowing that You have a plan for them and that You are faithful. Help me celebrate Your love and Your Son all year long! In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Day 4

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**Grab a notebook and something to write with, and find some friends and family to interview.**

Ask them this question:

**What are you looking forward to in the new year?**

Write down their answers. When you've interviewed at least five people, take a look at their answers. Is there anything that inspired you? Are any of their answers similar to yours? Did anyone mention celebrating Jesus all year long?

It's fun to think about what the next year holds, and sharing those hopes and dreams with others makes it even more special. Keep their answers somewhere you will see them often and check back in with your friends and family to see if their new year is shaping up the way they hoped it would!



## Day 5

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**Celebrate Jesus all year long.**

What does it look like to celebrate Jesus? Unscramble the phrases below to find some ideas, and add your own ideas below.

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ELTL SETORH UTBAO IMH

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Which of the ideas sounded like something you'd like to try—or continue to do—in the coming year? Circle them. Then put a star by the one you plan to try this week. And remember, celebrating is fun, so get excited about celebrating Jesus all year long!